

10/13  
Theresa  
12-5-01

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 400388/TSI



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAMADA et al.

Application No. 09/425,630

Art Unit: 2855

Filed: October 22, 1999

Examiner: C. Dickens

For: FLOW RATE MEASURING DEVICE

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800  
REC'D - 3 2001

RECEIVED

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figures 36-45 as indicated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claim 5 and replace the indicated claims with:

- 
1. (Twice Amended) A flow rate measuring device comprising:  
a post located in a fluid passage for passing a fluid flow and extending across a part of  
the fluid flow;  
a measuring duct in the post, the measuring duct having  
a fluid introduction port with an elongated shape confronting a flow direction  
of the fluid flow and,  
a first pair of generally smooth, converging inner wall surfaces, narrowing  
toward a downstream direction of the fluid flow, each of the smooth inner wall surfaces
- B/